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SUBJECT: DELIVERY TO GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER OF SECRETARY'S
MESSAGE ON AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SCHAUFLE' APPOINTMENT

REF: STATE 170040

1. AT 11:30 THIS MORNING, JULY 21, I CONVEYED THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS AND LEFT WITH HIM THE TEXT IN A NON-PAPER.
2. BITSIOS SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS THE MESSAGE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE INNER CABINET BEFORE GIVING AN OFFICIAL REPLY. ON A STRICTLY PERSONAL BASIS, HOWEVER, HE SAID HE DID NOT AGREE WITH THE SECRETARY'S DESCRIPTION OF THE REACTION IN GREECE AS "UNWARRANTED". IN HIS OPINION SCHAUFLE'S REMARKS WERE UNWARRANTED AND MOREOVER WERE UNNECESSARY SINCE A READING OF THE TRANSCRIPT SHOWS HE WAS NOT EVEN ASKED ABOUT THE ROOTS OF THE PROBLEM BUT ONLY WHETHER THE SITUATION WAS

DANGEROUS.(THE GOG HAD NOT WANTED THE MATTER TO AFFECT U.S.-
GREEK RELATIONS; ON THE CONTRARY, THE REASON FOR THE GOG REQUEST

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THAT SCHAUFLE'S NOMINATION BE WITHDRAWN HAD BEEN TO PREVENT DAMAGE
TO OUR RELATIONS FROM OCCURRING, WHICH GOG JUDGED WOULD HAPPEN

IF SCHAUFLE CAME IN THE FACE OF THE PUBLIC OUTCRY AGAINST
HIM.

3. AFTER REREADING THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE, BITSIOS ASKED

WHETHER HE UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY THAT UNTIL HE AND THE SECRETARY HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER PERSONALLY IN LATE SEPTEMBER THERE WAS NO INTENTION FOR SCHAUFLELE TO COME TO ATHENS TO TAKE UP HIS POST. I REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH I HAD NO INFORMATIN BEYOND THAT IN THE MESSAGE, I PERSONALLY BELIEVED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNDERSTANDING WAS WHAT WAS INTENDED IN TTIS SUGGESTED METHOD OF HANDLING THE SITUATION.

4. BITSIOS THEREUPON CALLED IN HIS STAFF AIDE PILAVACHI AND HANDED HIM THE NON-PAPER, GAVE HIM SONE INSTRUCTIONS ON HANDLING IT WHICH I DID NOT OVERHEAR, AND RETURNED TO THE MEETING HE HAD LEFT TO RECEIVE ME.

5. AS I WAS DICTATING THIS MESSAGE, PILAVACHI PHONED TO SAY THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME THIS EVENING AT 6:30. 8 WILL OF COURSE SEE HIM AND REPORT THE RESULTS OF THAT CONVERSATION.
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